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INDOCHINA

1. IN NYT FRONT PAGE DATELINED NEAK LUONG, SCHANBERG PAINTS GRIM AND SAD PICTURE OF TOWN AFTER DESTRUCTION, CONTRASTING EXCERPTS OF COL. OPFER'S BRIEFING WITH HIS OWN SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS OF DESTRUCTION PLUS QUOTATIONS FROM SURVIVORS. SAYS THEIR COMMENTS INDICATED LESS ANTI-AMERICAN REACTION THAN ONE OF HURT AND BEWILDERMENT THAT DISASTER WAS CAUSED BY AN ALLY.

2. SEPARATE NYT "SPECIAL" FROM PP ASSERTS THAT SCHANBERG WAS BOUNCED FROM GKR CHOPPER FLIGHT TO NEAK LUONG BY INTERVENTION ("DESPITE COOPER-CHURCH AMENDMENT") OF COL. OPFER AND ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE FELKER. SCHANBERG FINALLY MADE IT BY BOAT, AND EMBASSY AND GKR HASTILY ARRANGED CHOPPER FLIGHT FOR 5-MAN PRESS POOL WHICH REMAINED AT NEAK LUONG ONLY 30 MINUTES, SPOKE WITH FEW PEOPLE.

FIVE NEWSMEN VISIT NEAK LUONG WITH GKR INTERIOR MIN. AND DESCRIBE TOWN AS ONE-THIRD DESTROYED, ONE-THIRD DAMAGED, WITH WOUNDED EVACUATED TO PP. 1000 WERE PRESENT DURING BOMBING. SURVIVORS SILENT, SAD, HURT, BEWILDERED, WITH SOME ANGRY. MANY SAY TWO AIRCRAFT STRUCK; SOME INDICATION

THAT ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMBS USED. (PHINQ; SEIDEN, SUN; KIRK, CHITRIB). WP (UPI) SEES TOWN AS MONUMENT TO DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF US BOMBS.

3. AMEMBASSY PP SAYS US PLANES HIT FRIENDLY VILLAGE WITH MINOR DAMAGE IN THIRD BOMBING ACCIDENT IN THREE DAYS (CSM, CHITRIB; REUTER: NYT, WP). LOCAL SOURCES TELL AFP OF THIRD MISTAKEN BOMBING, AT VILLAGE ON HWAY 1 SE OF PP (PHINQ). PENTAGON DENIES THIRD BOMBING ERROR (SUN, REUTER). REUTER AND AFP REPORTS OF THIRD ERROR DENIED BY DOD AND STATE DEPT.

4. DESPITE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY, PENTAGON ANNOUNCES UNCLASSIFIED



STEPPED-UP AIR STRIKES AGAINST INSURGENT STRONGHOLDS WED. (NYT). WED. BOMBING REACHED HIGHEST LEVEL IN A MONTH (CHITRIB; CSM; PHINQ; SUN).

5. REBELS OCCUPIED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION AT KAMBOL NEAR POCHENTONG AFTER BRIEF BATTLE; WITHDREW THREE HOURS LATER AFTER ALLEGEDLY DESTROYING 70 OF EQUIPMENT; LONG-DISTANCE CIRCUITS MAY BE OUT 4-7 DAYS (CSM; CHITRIB; SUN, REUTER; NYDN, UPI). 100 DEFENDERS FLED BEFORE 30 ATTACKERS, ONLY LINES TO HK SURVIVE (PHINQ; WP).

6. AIR FRANCE MAY CANCEL ALL PP FLIGHTS (REUTER; WP).

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7. APPEALS COURT IN 2-TO-1 DECISION OVERTURNS DISTRICT COURT ORDER TO STOP CAMBODIAN BOMBING. KEY ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT BOMBING HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS. PLAINTIFF REP. HOLTZMAN INTENDS APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT AGAIN AND PRESS CASE EVEN AFTER AUG. 15 TO DETERMINE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY TO WAGE WAR (LUBASCH, NYT; SUN, NYT; ISAACS, SUN; CHITRIB).

8. GKR REPORTS FIGHTING SE OF PP NEAR TAKHMAU, ABOUT NINE MILES S. ON HWAY 2, AND HWAY 4 TEMPORARILY CUT 15 MI W. OF PP (CHITRIB; NYDN, UPI). NEWLY-TRAINED CONSCRIPTS RUSHED FRONT TO DEFEND PP (REUTER, SUN). USAF F-4S HIT ONE AND ONE-HALF MI FROM POCHENTONG (PHINQ; CHITRIB: NYDN, UPI). LEAFLETS APPEAR IN PP INSTRUCTING RESIDENTS ON WHAT TO DO IN EVENT OF STREET FIGHTING (CHITRIB). HK REPORT SAYS INSURGENTS BROADCAST APPEAL TO PP RESIDENTS TO ARM AND RISE OR TO FLEE TO LIBERATED AREAS (WP; SUN, REUTER). GKR SAYS SIX REBELS KILLED IN BATTLE AT SIEM REAP NEAR ANGKOR WAT (PHINQ).

9. AMEMBASSY PP SPOKESMAN REPORTS SHIPMENT OF

BOMBS AND OTHER WEAPONS TO GKR NEARLY DOUBLED IN RECENT WEEKS TO SUPPLY MAXIMUM ALREADY-ALLOCATED AID BEFORE AUG. 15 SINCE DELIVERY DIFFICULTIES MAY FOLLOW BOMBING HALT. TOTAL AID FOR YEAR WILL UNCLASSIFIED



NOT EXCEED CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION (SEIDEN, SUN).

10. GEN. ABRAMS TELLS SASC HE URGED 69-70 BOMBING BUT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN FALSE REPORTS AND DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF TARGETTING HOSPITALS (CARTER, NYDN; HERSH, NYT). SAYS RAIDS FACILITATED SAFE WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS (CORDDRY, SUN), AND STATES BOMBING REPORTING SYSTEM WAS COMPLICATED AND CONFUSING (GETLER, WP).

11. THREE VETERANS TESTIFY BEFORE SASC THAT THEY HAD PARTICIPATED IN AIR AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS ON TARGETS LISTED AS VC HOSPITALS. SAY IT WAS NOT POLICY BUT WAS PRACTICE SINCE HOSPITALS PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH BASE CAMPS AND OTHER MILITARY TARGETS. AF SAYS IT GAVE NO ORDERS TO TARGET HOSPITALS (CARTER, HERSH; PHINQ; GETLER). CORDDRY FINDS INDICATIONS OF CONSIDERABLE HEARSAY IN REPORTS OF FORMER SERVICEMEN CONCERNING HOSPITAL ATTACKS.

12. KIRK (CHITRIB) REPORTS THAT RICH KHMER YOUTHS HAVE NO TROUBLE BUYING THEIR WAY OUT OF DRAFT BY BRIBING POLICE AND MPS.EXIT PERMITS TO LEAVE COUNTRY COST $200 OR MORE WITH FRANCE MOST POPULAR REFUGE.

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13. SOUVANNA PHOUMA SAYS MILITARY-POLITICAL AGREEMENT FOR COALITION COULD BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK BUT IT MIGHT TAKE 1-2 YEARS TO INTEGRATE PL AND RLG ELEMENTS IN COALITION GOVERNMENT (BROWNE, NYT; CHITRIB; CSM). SOUVANNA SAYS POSSIBLE SIGNING IN 10 DAYS, BUT COMPLETE REUNIFICATION WOULD TAKE AT LEAST TWO YEARS (PHINQ).

14. ANONYMOUS GREEN BERET OFFICER TELLS OF SECRET PATROLS IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA (CSM, AP).

15. FIGHTING IN VN DOWN PAST 24 HOURS (CSM). GVN REPORTS 88 VIOLATIONS IN PAST DAY INCLUDING ATTACK ON MILITIA POST IN DELTA WHERE 17 GVN MILITIAMEN KILLED (CHITRIB; PHINQ; NYDN, UPI).

16. IN PARIS, SVN DEPUTY PM WARNS THAT COMMUNIST
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TAKEOVER IN PP WOULD JEOPARDIZE EXISTING PEACE AGREEMENTS (WP; NYDN).

17. LAT'S MCARTHUR (PHINQ) DESCRIBES DELTA AGRICULTURAL BANK BEING RUN BY WOMEN. CHITRIB (REUTER) TELLS OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE BEING SOLD IN SAIGON AREA AS CURE FOR DRUG ADDICTION TO COUNTER GROWING HEROIN ADDICTION AMONG YOUNG. SHIPLER (NYT) REPORTS ON PROGRAM TO CLEAN UP AND BEAUTIFY DA NANG IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WORK FOR REFUGEES; CITY ON DECLINE AND FACES UNCERTAIN FUTURE.

JAPAN

18. APPARENT KIDNAPPING OF KIM DAE JUNG IN TOKYO GETS WIDE COVERAGE. KIM REPORTEDLY KIDNAPPED BY FIVE MEN WHO MAY HAVE USED ANESTHETIC TO KNOCK HIM OUT. OBERDORFER (WP) REPORTS WITNESSES SAY THEY HAD STRONG SEOUL ACCENTS. SPOKESMAN FOR ROK EMBASSY (TOKYO) EXPRESSED SHOCK AND DISCLAIMED ANY ROKG INVOLVEMENT (POND, CSM). REUTER REPORTS (CSM) TOKYO POLICE SAY WATCH BEING KEPT ON AIRPORT AND MAJOR RAILWAY STATIONS OUT OF CITY. LUNCHEON COMPANIONS SAY KIM FEARED HE WAS BEING FOLLOWED IN TOKYO(WP). POND REPORTS KIM FEARED ASSASSINATION AND CHANGED HIS HOTEL ROOM EVERY TWO OR THREE DAYS. OBERDORFER REPORTS KIM SOUGHT US INTERVENTION TO RESTORE PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN KOREA, BUT LOST HOPE AS HE SAW US DECLINE TO TAKE STAND. HE BEGAN TO BUILD CLOSER ALLIANCES WITH KOREAN RESIDENTS OF JAPAN, AND WITH JAPANESE LEADERS. POND REPORTS POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY BOTH NORTH

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AND SOUTH KOREANS IS RIFE IN JAPAN, AND HAS INTENSIFIED
SINCE POLITICAL TALKS BETWEEN TWO HALVES BEGAN
LAST YEAR (NYT, CHITRIB, WP, CSM).

19. JAL ANNOUNCES THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OLD
JAPANESE CUSTOM, 114 JAPANESE PASSENGERS OF JUMBO
JET HIJACKED LAST MONTH WILL EACH RECEIVE "SYMPATHY
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PAYMENT" OF 500,000 YEN ($1900). NO SUCH PAYMENT
PLANNED FOR FIVE NON-JAPANESE PASSENGERS, BUT
JAL SPOKESMAN SAID AIRLINE PREPARED NEGOTIATE
CLAIMS (NYT).

20. NAGASAKI HOLDING MEMORIAL SERVICE ON 28TH
ANNIVERSAY OF ATOMIC BOMBING (NYDN: UPI).

21. CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS SINO-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS
LEADING TO LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN MONDAY IN TOKYO. BOTH COUNTRIES WILL
GRANT MFN TREATMENT AND EXPECTED AGREE TO SUBSTANTIAL
TARIFF SLASHES. PROBLEMS ARE JAPANESE ATTEMPTS
TO MAINTAIN REGULAR COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS BETWEEN
TOKYO AND TAIPEI, AND TRADE IMBALANCE.
22. CADY (NYT) REPORTS FROM SARATOGA SPRINGS
JAPANESE WITH YEN FOR QUALITY HORSEFLESH ARE TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF DEVALUED DOLLARS BY QUIETLY BUYING
UP SOME OF HIGHEST PRICED THOROUGHBREDS.

23. WSJ SAYS FISH BARGAINS VANISHING AT FULTON
FISH MARKET DUE TO BEEF SHORTAGE, FISHERMEN'S
STRIKE AND STRONG JAPANESE BUYERS INTEREST.

24. UPI (JOC) REPORTS HIGH-RANKING COUNCIL TOLD
GOJ YESTERDAY THAT STEEL INDUSTRY CANNOT BE EXPANDED, IDEA
OF JAPAN'S BEING WORLD STEEL SUPPLIER SHOULD BE
DROPPED, AND INDUSTRY SHOULD DE-EMPHASIZE EXPORTS.

25. SUN CARRIES NYT STORY ON SURVEY OF ATTITUDES
OF YOUTH IN JAPAN AND 10 OTHER COUNTRIES CONDUCTED
BY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE WITH HELP OF INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH AGENCIES. SURVEY FINDS JAPANESE YOUTH
STRIKINGLY DIFFERENT FROM CONTEMPORARIES ELSEWHERE;
MORE DEVOTED TO WORK ETHIC, LESS INTERESTED IN
RELIGION, FEWER CLOSE FRIENDS, MORE INCLINED TO
BELIEVE HUMAN NATURE ESSENTIALLY EVIL, AND LESS
INTERESTED IN KINDNESS TO OTHERS. MAINICHI COMMENTED IF
RESULTS SURPRISING AND SHOCKING, "IT APPEARS THAT
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THE PROBLEM LIES MORE WITH THE ADULTS WHO WERE SHOCKED," NOTING THAT "JAPANESE YOUTH MIRROR THEIR CURRENT SOCIETY".

KOREA

26. POND (CSM) PICKS UP STORY OF COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DELEGATION INVESTIGATING ARREST OF REV. PARK HYONG KYU. DELEGATION REPORTS KOREAN CHURCHMEN ARE HOPEFUL HE WILL BE ACCORDED SWIFT "DUE PROCESS" OF LAW. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, NO ONE BELIEVES PARK IS GUILTY OF INSURRECTION AND ROKG WILL THEREFORE NOT TREAT HIM HARSHLY. KOREAN CHURCH SOURCES REPORTED ANXIOUS NOT TO EMBARRASS ROK OVER THE MATTER. OTHER SOURCES INDICATE ARREST CARRIED OUT BY ARMY SECURITY COMMAND AGAINST JUDGMENT OF KCIA.

27. SIBLEY (NYT) REPORTS DISSIDENT TAIWANESE CHENG TSU-TSAI WAS SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM FIVE YEARS IN NY FOR ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF CCK THREE YEARS AGO. DEFENDANT ASKED JUSTICE BAER TO "REVIEW MY CASE IN THE CONTEXT OF A POLITICAL STRUGGLE FOR THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF FORMOSA". JUSTICE BAER SAID "IN MY OPINION, MURDER OR ATTEMPTED MURDER - ANY VIOLENCE CAUSING

INJURY TO A FELLOW HUMAN BEING - CANNOT BE CATEGORIZED AS A POLITICAL CRIME."

PHILIPPINES

28. MARCOS ACKNOWLEDGES SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF RICE AND CEREAL, ORDERS MILITARY TO TAKE CONTROL OF ALL CEREAL STOCKS AND ARREST HOARDERS AND PRICE MANIPULATORS. MARCOS SAID YMELDA MADE SHOPPING TOUR OF MANILA SUPERMARKETS, SAW PANIC BUYING IN COOKING OIL AND SOAP, AND COULD NOT FIND SUGAR. MARCOS SAID THE RICE SHORTAGE WAS REAL, BUT OTHER SHORTAGES WERE ARTIFICIAL SINCE THE PHILIPPINES IS BIGGEST
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PRODUCER OF COCONUT OIL AND SUGAR IN NON-COMMUNIST WORLD. HE ADDED PHILIPPINES WOULD BUY MORE THAN ONE MILLION TONS RICE TO MEET SHORTAGE (CHITRIB, NYDN).

MALAYSIA

29. IN SQUIB TITLED "RIGHT ON", NYDN REPORTS PM RAZAK HAS PICKED HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, EDUCATION MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN, TO SUCCEED LATE TUN DR.

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ISMAIL AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.

PRC

30. ISAACS (SUN) REPORTS FROM HONG KONG THAT CHINA'S LEADERS ARE DISPLAYING UNUSUAL CONCERN OVER PROBLEMS OF POOR MORALE AND ECON HARDSHIP AMONG MILLIONS OF CITY-BRED, EDUCATED YOUNG CHINESE SENT TO SETTLE AND WORK IN COUNTRYSIDE. WITHOUT ABANDONING MAO'S CHERISHED DREAM OF DISSOLVING CLASS AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES, AUTHORITIES ARE ADMITTING MORE FRANKLY THAN EVER THAT PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES HAVE LEFT MANY TRANSPLANTED YOUTHS DEEPLY DISSATISFIED, AND THEY ARE SEEKING SOLUTIONS. THERE IS EVEN ONE ACCOUNT MAO HIMSELF HAS RECOGNIZED FLAWS IN PROGRAM. AS SUMMARIZED BY HK ANALYSTS, PROBLEMS SEEM TO BE THAT CITY YOUTHS DO NOT LIKE LIVING OR WORKING IN COUNTRY, FREQUENTLY DO NOT EARN ENOUGH TO LIVE ON -- EITHER BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WORK ENOUGH OR BECAUSE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARBITRARILY PAY THEM LESS THAN REGULAR FARMERS -- AND LOCAL OFFICIALS FAIL TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TRAINING, HOUSING, STUDY MATERIALS, AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. MANY YOUNG CHINESE APPARENTLY NEVER REPORT TO THEIR ASSIGNMENTS, OR GO AWOL. ISSUES BEING RAISED

OVER PROGRAM SEEM TO FORM ONE FACET OF NATIONWIDE DEBATE BETWEEN ULTRA-IDEOLOGICAL REVOLUTIONARY PURISTS AND MORE PRAGMATIC LEADERS WHO ARE TRYING TO DEAL MORE DIRECTLY WITH CHINA'S DAY-TO-DAY



DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

31. WU, ALSO OF SUN'S HK BUREAU, REPORTS THAT PRC VISIT BY TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS OF OVERSEAS CHINESE IN JAPAN FROM TAIWAN PROVINCE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS REVIVING REUNIFICATION RUMORS. TEAM FORMED IN JAPAN AFTER TAIWAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION DECLINED PEKING'S INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN TOURNAMENT. PUBLICITY INTENDED FOR YOUNGER GENERATION ON TAIWAN. EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT IS VISIT OF MIAO YUN-TAI, FORMERLY MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT. MIAO WAS PROMINENTLY RECEIVED AND FETED BY CHOU. MIAO IS FIRST FORMER SENIOR NATIONALIST OFFICIAL TO VISIT AFTER FU TSO-YI, FORMER GENERAL, MADE AUTHORIZED STATEMENT IN FEBRUARY THAT NATIONALIST OFFICIALS WERE WELCOME TO VISIT MAINLAND FOR POLITICAL TALKS OR TO SEE THEIR RELATIVES, AND WOULD BE GUARANTEED SAFETY AND SECRECY IF THEY DESIRED. PEKING ALSO TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HOMESICKNESS OF MANY OLDER

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OFFICIALS BY PUBLISHING STEADY STREAM OF ARTICLES
IN HK DESIGNED TO AROUSE NOSTALGIA BY INTIMATELY
DESCRIBING BEAUTY OF THEIR HOMETOWNS. ONE ARTICLE,
SEEMINGLY SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR GIMO, IS DESCRIPTION BY
FORMER NATIONALIST LEGISLATOR OF CHIANG'S VILLAGE IN
FENGHUA COUNTY, CHEKIANG PROVINCE. "DOOR OF THE
FATHERLAND IS OPEN TO ALL PATRIOTS", ARTICLE SAID.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

32. S-N'S BRADSHER (AUG. 8) IN SAIGON NOTES SURFACING
OF PROBLEMS IN NVN AS HANOI SHIFTS GEARS TO WIN
CONTROL OOOF SVN. QUOTES SOME FOREIGN OBSERVERS
AS BELIEVING THAT PROBLEMS MAINLY ECONOMIC HAVE
SIGNIFICANTLY WORSENED WITH THE END OF FIGHTING
AND BOMBING. PERSONS WHO FOLLOW NVN AFFAIRS CLOSELY,
HOWEVER, SAY IT IS MORE A CHANGE OF CLIMATE THAN
OF ACTUALITIES, OBSERVING THAT CHRONIC PROBLEMS
ARE NOW MORE NOTICED AND DISCU SSED WITH THE EXCUSE
OF WARTIME CONDITIONS REMOVED. THEY SAY THAT
NVN HAS ALWAYS HAD PROBLEMS OF ILLEGAL PRIVATE
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TRADING TO SUPPLEMENT INADEQUATE GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENTS,
OR FALSIFICATION OF ECON STATISTICS AND SIMILAR

THINGS WHICH ARE NOW PROMINENT AGAIN. THERE IS,
HOWEVER, NEW ATTENTION TO IMPROVING THE ECONOMY.
ON INTERNATIONAL FRONT, NVN IS HAVING DISPUTES
WITH THE USSR, HANOI'S LARGEST BENEFACTOR, AND
TO A LESSER DEGREE, WITH CHINA. WITH RESPECT
TO USSR, CITES REPORTS THAT SINCE LE DUAN AND
PHAM VAN DONG'S TALKS WITH USSR OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW
LAST MONTH, SOVIET OFFICIALS AND MILITARY OFFICERS
IN NVN HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE COLD SHOULDER. THEY
HAVE EVEN BEEN BARRED FROM VISITING SOME ANTI-AIRCRAFT
EFENSES THEY BUILT FOR NVN.

33. GLOBE (AUG. 8) EXPRESSING VIEW THAT SATURATION
BOMBING OF VN BROUGHT AT BEST A STALEMATE, THAT HALF A
DECADE OF CAMBODIA BOMBING IS COMING TO AN END
WITH NEARLY 90 OF LAND IN COMMUNIST HANDS, SAYS,
"IT IS ALL OVER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA- EXCEPT FOR
THE BOMBING....THE BOMBING OUGHT TO STOP TOO,
WITHOUT WAITING ANOTHER GHASTLY WEEK."

34. LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES (SN AUG 8) OBSERVES
SURGE IN PRC STEEL CONSUMPTION. CITES OFFICIAL
REPORT THAT 1972 TOTAL STEEL PRODUCTION WAS 23
MILLION TONS, UP 9.5 OVER 1971- A DROP IN THE
18 INCREASE FOR 1971. ATTRIBUTES DROP TO GREATER
INSISTENCE ON QUALITY AND DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING

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UP A FAST RATE OF EXPANSION ONCE SPARE CAPACITY
IS ALMOST TAKEN UP. CITES CURRENT CHINESE REPORTS
AS SUGGESTING THAT PRESENT RATE OF EXPANSION IS
PROBABLY SAME AS LAST YEAR'S. OBSERVES THAT DOMESTIC
STEEL PRODUCTION IS SUPPLEMENTED BY IMPORTS; IN
FIRST HALF OF973, IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ALONE WERE
EXPECTED TO REACH 2 MILLION TONS. IF DOMESTIC
STEEL OUTPUT REACHES 26 MILLION TONS THIS YEAR,
ESTIMATES THAT TOTAL CONSUMPTION WILL BE AT LEAST
28 MILLION. SAYS MID-60S FIGURE WAS PROBABLY HALF
THAT, WHICH GIVES SOME CLUE TO THE SPEED OF CHINA'S
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ECON GROWTH. CONCLUDES, IF CHINA SURMOUNTS ITS
PRESENT AGRIC DIFFICULTIES AND CONTINUES ITS MODERATE
ECON POLICIES, IT OUGHT TO HAVE INDUSTRIALIZED
TO A RESPECTABLE, THOUGH BY NO MEANS WESTERN,
LEVEL IN SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS.

35. CSM SUGGESTS THAT COMMUNIST SIDE MAY WELL
OBJECT TO IRAN JOINING ICCS BECAUSE OF HER CLOSE
US ALIGNMENT AND GROWING MILITARY POWER THROUGH
HUGE PURCHASES OF US WEAPONS. APPOINTMENT ALSO
MIGHT WELL BE VIEWED AS AFFRONT BY INDIA. EVEN
IF ACCEPTED, "IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER IRAN OR ANY
OTHER SUITABLE CANDIDATE COULD SUPPLY THE NECESSARY
DYNAMISM TO MAKE THE COMMISSION THE STRONG, EFFECTIVE
ORGANIZATION IT OUGHT TO BE." THUS, CEASE-FIRE
WILL DEPEND ON OPPOSING SIDES IN VN CONFLICT, AND
LATEST REPORTS OF RENEWED FIGHTING ARE NOT ENCOURAGING.

36. KRAFT (WP, SUN) ARGUES THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER
VERY MUCH WHETHER CAMBODIA GOES COMMUNIST. "BY
ITSELF, CAMBODIA IS UNIMPORTANT," IS ALMOST ENTIRELY
UNDEVELOPED, ITS 6 MILLION PEOPLE THREATEN NOBODY,
AND REGIME IS "UNLOVED AND INCOMPETENT." EVEN
IF COMMUNIST REGIME TOOK OVER, "IT WOULD BE DIVIDED
IN CHARACTER." GAINING ALL OF CAMBODIA WOULD ONLY
MARGINALLY IMPROVE TASK OF SUPPLYING NVA IN SVN
THAT NVN ALREADY SEEMS TO HAVE WELL IN HAND. KRAFT
CONCEDES THAT CAMBODIA'S FALL MIGHT HAVE PSYCHOLOGICAL
IMPACT IN SVN, CAUSING GVN AND ARVN TO COME APART
AND EASING HANOI'S DRIVE TOWARD UNIFYING VN; BUT
US "ALREADY HAS DONE MORE THAN STAND BY ITS COMMITMENTS"
TO GVN, AND IF IT CANNOT STAND ON ITS OWN FEET,
BLAME CANNOT BE PLACED ON US. KRAFT MAINTAINS
CAMBODIA BOMBING HAS FAILED TO STOP CAMBODIA'S
COLLAPSE AND HAS BROUGHT DEATH TO THOUSANDS OF
INNOCENT PEOPLE. "WORST OF ALL," NIXON ADMINISTRATION
HAS BASED CAMBODIA BOMBING POLICY ON "DECEPTION,
NOT TO SAY LYING, AT HOME" AND BECAUSE OF THIS
IT "NOW HAS NO PUBLIC SUPPORT, NO LEGITIMACY, FOR

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THE USE OF FORCE" IN VN. INSISTS THAT HONEST GOVERNMENT
IN WSHINGTON IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT
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IN PP -- AND "IF THAT MEANS LETTING GO IN CAMBODIA
AND THE REST OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE PRICE IS SMALL."

37. LOU HARRIS SURVEY FINDS MAJORITY (64 -22)
FAVORS CONGRESS' CUTTING OFF ALL MONEY FOR US MILITARY
OPS IN CAMBODIA AFTER AUG. -5. BUT WHEN ASKED
HOW THEY WOULD REACT IF PRES. REQUESTS 30-DAY EXTENSION,
PLURALITY (45 - 43) FAVORS GIVING HIM MORE TIME
TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT. HARRIS SEES RESULTS SIGNIFICANT
AS ILLUSTRATING THAT PUBLIC BELIEF IN NIXON'S ABILITY
TO HANDLE FOREIGN POLICY HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY
HIGH, DESPITE WATERGATE. SAYS THIS IS CONFIRMED
BY OTHER HARRIS POLLS SHOWING 60 - 29 POSITIVE

RATING FOR PRES. ON HANDLING RELATIONS WITH PRC,
AND EVEN HIGHER (68 - 30) RATING ON "WORKING
FOR PEACE." SURVEY FINDS THAT ALTHOUGH DIVISIONS
ARE RELATIVELY CLOSE AMONG ALL GROUPS, PATTERNS
OF ATTITUDES ON EXTENSION OF CAMBODIA BOMBING
PARALLEL SCHISMS THAT PLAGUED US THROUGHOUT VN
WAR. OPPOSITION TO ANY EXTENSION CAN BE FOUND
AMONG THE YOUNG, BEST EDUCATED, DEMOCRATS AND
INDEPENDENTS. SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION RUNS STRONGEST
AMONG OLDER PEOPLE, THE LEAST WELL EDUCATED AND
REPUBLICANS (WP, CHITRIB).

38. CDN (AUG. 6) SAYS THAT WITH WATERGATE, FORCES
ARE IN MOTION THAT WILL AFFECT CONDUCT OF PRESIDENCY
FOR MANY YEARS. SEES, AS LATEST MANIFESTATION
OF THIS MOOD IN CONGRESS, PROPOSED LAWS TO LIMIT
PRESIDENTIAL WAR POWERS, BUT INSISTS US NEEDS
STRONG LEADER IN 20TH CENTURY. "SURELY WE SHOULD
NOT TOLERATE A GOVERNMENT THAT BOMBS CAMBODIA
WHILE SAYING THAT IT IS NOT. BUT JUST AS SURELY
WE NEED A GOVERNMENT THAT IS FREE TO RESPOND TO
THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HISTORIC SHIFT IN RELATIONS
WITH CHINA, WITHOUT HAVING TO CLEAR EVERY MOVE
WITH CONGRESS." NATION'S GUIDANCE MUST COME FROM
PRESIDENTIAL MORAL PERCEPTION OF WHAT IS RIGHT
AND WHAT IS POPULAR WILL AND NEED. FEARS ATMOSPHERE
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OF MUTUAL TRUST AND RESPECT NECESSARY FOR LEADER
TO FUNCTION IN A DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN SHATTERED,
AND ITS RESTORATION WILL TAKE LONG TIME. ROGERS

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